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TAGS: MPOL, MARR, NATO, SP
SUBJECT: HIGH-LEVEL SEMINAR ON SPAIN AND NATO - PRESS
GUIDANCE

1. WE HAVE PREPARED THE FOLLOWING CONTINGENCY PRESS
GUIDANCE, WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE MINISTRY OF
FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND HAS ITS AGREEMENT. WE WOULD UNDERLINE

THAT NEITHER THE FOREIGN MINISTRY NOR WE INTEND TO VOLUNTEER ANY STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THIS MEETING AND THAT RESPONSES TO QUERIES FROM THE MEDIA WILL UNDERLINE THAT THE MARCH 9-10 MEETING IS ANOTHER IN A SERIES OF REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO WHICH HAVE THE PRINCIPAL PURPOSE OF SEEKING GREATER INFORMATION ABOUT THE ALLIANCE. THIS IS NOT THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH OUTSIDE EXPERTS HAVE BEEN INVITED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: PRESS GUIDANCE (TO BE USED ORALLY AND ONLY IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC QUERIES)

AN AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION WITH NATO WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. THIS BILATERAL SPANISH-U.S. COMMITTEE SEEKS TO DEVELOP INFORMATION ON NATO IN ORDER TO FULFILL ITS RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE TREATY TO PROPOSE TO THE SPANISH-U.S. COUNCIL "MEASURES TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MEANINGFUL COORDINATION" WITH NATO.

THE COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING ON A PERIODIC BASIS SINCE THE TREATY CAME INTO EFFECT. IN SEEKING INFORMATION, IT HAS DRAWN ON SOURCES OUTSIDE AS WELL AS WITHIN THE SPANISH-U.S. COUNCIL. FROM TIME TO TIME OUTSIDE EXPERTS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN ITS
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DELIBERATIONS. SUCH IS THE CASE IN THIS REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE BEING HELD ON MARCH 9 AND 10, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO ENLARGE THE COMMITTEE'S KNOWLEDGE.

THE COMMITTEE'S REGULAR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES REPRESENTATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE HIGH GENERAL STAFF, THE U.S. EMBASSY AND JUSMG-MAAG.

IF ASKED: PARTICIPANTS IN THE CURRENT MEETINGS ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE, THE U.S. MISSION TO NATO, THE U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND, AND THE U.S. ATLANTIC COMMAND. (NAMES WILL BE PROVIDED ON REQUEST.)

(REQUESTS FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION WILL BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.) END TEXT. STABLER

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